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REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. This application relates to nitric oxide releasing prodrugs of diaryl-2-(5H)-furanones as cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitors.

Any additional fees required in connection with this Amendment may be taken from Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below if such would advance the prosecution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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